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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR USE OF USAF LOGISTIC SUPPORT AIRCRAFT FROM
CHARLESTON AFB TO ASCENSION ISLAND AIRFIELD

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1. THE ECUADOREAN AIR FORCE (FAE) WILL FERRY THE FIRST TWO
OF ITS RECENTLY ACQUIRED BRITISH JAGUAR AIRCRAFT FROM GREAT
BRITAIN TO ECUADOR DURING THE PERIOD 6-10 JANUARY VIA MONROVIA,
ASCENSION AND RECIFE. DOD HAS ALREADY GRANTED PERMISSION FOR
THOSE FERRY FLIGHTS TO LAND AND REFUEL AT THE USAF BASE ON
ASCENSION ISLAND (REF D). FOR CONTINGENCY PLANNING THE FAE HAS
REQUESTED THAT THE USAF CARRY ANY NECESSARY REPLACEMENT PARTS
FROM CHARLESTON AFB TO ASCENSION AIRFIELD ON ONE OF ITS
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REGULAR SCHEDULED LOGISTIC SUPPORT FLIGHTS. THIS
SERVICE IS REQUESTED ONLY FOR REASONABLY SIZED PARTS
SUCH AS GENERATORS, RADIO EQUIPMENT, ETC. THOSE PARTS
WOULD BE TRANSPORTED BY COMMERCIAL MEANS TO CHARLESTON FROM
THE UK. OVERSIZED PARTS, SUCH AS AN ENGINE, WOULD BE
TRANSPORTED EITHER BY FAE AIRCRAFT OR CHARTER AIRCRAFT

DIRECT FROM THE UK. IT IS EMPHASIZED THAT THIS REQUEST
IS IN THE NATURE OF CONTINGENCY PLANNING ONLY AND HOPEFULLY
SUCH SERVICES WOULD NOT HAVE TO BE UTILIZED.

2. THE FAE HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT THERE ARE NO
REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT SERVING ASCENSION
ISLAND. WE ARE UNAWARE OF THE STATUS OF UNSCHEDULED
CARRIERS BUT WOULD NOTE THAT CHARTERING A SPECIAL AIRCRAFT
FOR THE DELIVERY OF SMALL PARTS WOULD SEEM TO BE AN UN-
REASONABLE BURDEN ON THE FAE. WE WOULD ALSO NOTE THAT
REQUIRING THE FAE TO MAKE SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WOULD MATERIALLY
INCREASE THE LOGISTICAL BURDEN ON ASCENSION AIRFIELD WHICH
WOULD HAVE TO FEED AND HOUSE THE CREWS AND PARK THE AIRCRAFT
AN INDETERMINATE PERIOD OF TIME. THE EMBASSY CONSIDERS
THAT THIS SERVICE IS BOTH REASONABLE AND, IF APPROVED, WOULD
SERVE TO SOLIDIFY OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FAE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE DEPARTMENT AND DOD AUTHORIZE
THE USE OF REGULAR SUPPORT FLIGHTS IF NECESSARY FROM CHARLESTON
TO ASCENSION ISLAND FOR THE PURPOSE INDICATED.

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